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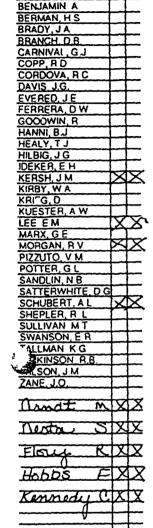
This memorandum is in response to EG&G memorandum 92 RF 6706 from E Evered dated June 15 1992 regarding the installation of sediment samplers at the RFP In your June 15 1992 memorandum you requested that DOE/RFO provide you with written confirmation that no issues remain with respect to the installation of sediment samplers A cursory review of the attached DOE/RFO and EG&G memoranda and letters will indicate why issues regarding the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) remain open with regard to the sediment samplers

DOE/RFO memorandum ERD BKT 7753 dated September 20 1991 directs EG&G that all activities conducted at the RFP are to be in compliance with the ESA and MBTA DOE/RFO letter 91 DOE 7649 to the U S Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) dated September 18 1991 opened the consultation process for the surface water monitoring stations per the MBTA and Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Note that several individuals at EG&G were copied on this letter DOE/RFO memorandum ERD BKT 3047 requested EG&G to have an expert on Spiranthes diluvialis a listed species under the ESA perform habitat surveys for the plant at the surface water monitoring stations EG&G memorandum 92 RF-4077 identified surface water monitoring stations which require a presence/absence survey for Spiranthes during July and August 1992 DOE/RFO memorandum ERD BKT 6624 dated June 15 1992 directs EG&G that all applicable statutes and regulations including the ESA and MBTA must be complied with prior to initiating construction of the surface water monitoring stations

Both the ESA and MBTA contain civil and criminal liability provisions for the taking of listed species and migratory birds respectively. Initiating the construction of surface water/sediment stations prior to completing the required consultations with the FWS could put EG&G in violation of the law

Again we request that EG&G complete the consultation under the ESA and MBTA prior to initiating surface water/sediment monitoring station construction at the RFP

As a final note better communication within the EG&G organization will decrease the probability of ESA and MBTA violations. In addition it will also free DOE/RFO from having to write multiple memoranda to EG&G on the same subject. We encourage EG&G management to foster communication among the various organizations.



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Questions or concerns should be directed to Bruce Thatcher of my staff at ext. 3532

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## Attachments

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